Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 06 Apr 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 07 Apr 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Apr 2024 at 14:22

Confidence: High confidence for unsettled and windy period, with strongest winds expected on Saturday. Moderate confidence for shower detail through the weekend.

Headline for Saturday 06 Apr 2024: Storm Kathleen giving a very windy day. After morning rain largely dry with bright spells and occasional showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 06 Apr 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m

Time	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability	90%	70%	70%	80%	50%	50%	70%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 06 Apr 2024

Weather: Storm Kathleen giving a very windy day with gales, severe at times over the summits, particularly on south-west facing slopes. There will be heavy rain in the early morning giving slippery surfaces, but by the afternoon often bright with occasional showers, but these could be locally heavy but short-lived.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 80% with a low risk of cloud near tops within a heavy shower.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally excellent visibility, with little low cloud, but visibility reducing in heavy showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	31/40 S	31/42 S	32/42 S	31/43 S	32/44 SW	27/38 SW	26/37 S	30/43 SW	30/43 SW
300	17/37 S	18/40 S	19/41 S	18/37 SW	20/39 SW	18/37 SW	16/33 S	19/38 SW	19/39 SW
Valley	15/36 S	17/40 S	18/41 S	16/35 S	18/39 SW	17/37 SW	14/33 S	16/37 SW	18/39 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	10/5	10/6	10/5	10/5	10/5	9/5	8/4	7/1	5/-1
300	12/8	12/9	12/8	12/9	12/9	12/8	11/8	9/5	8/4
Valley	12/10	13/10	12/9	13/10	13/10	12/9	11/8	9/6	8/4
Freezing Level*	2900m	2800m	2400m	2600m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1600m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Some dry and bright spells by the afternoon but winds will remain strong throughout, especially on exposed summits with top wind speeds likely to reach 60-70 mph. Winds this strong will make travelling very difficult and much care should be taken. Heavy rain could give some slippery surfaces during the morning and at times throughout the day.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Thu 04 Apr 2024	11.8mm	22.2mm	24.2mm

Forecast for Sunday 07 Apr 2024

Weather: Another very windy day albeit not quite as windy as on Saturday. Sunny spells and showers, with a few heavier showers possible. Moderate UV levels in any sunshine. Strong southwesterly winds and freezing levels remaining above the summits.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds, mean 30-40mph widely gusting 40-50mph though some 60mph gusts possible in exposed parts and across high peaks during the morning. Easing through the day to southwesterly 20-30mph means and gusts 40-45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 70% generally cloud free, but lower cloud expected around heavier showers.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally excellent visibility outside of showers, though visibility reducing to moderate to poor in any heavy downpours.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius rising to plus 13 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 5 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits throughout.

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